





## INTIMATIONS

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 9th February, 1918, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1918.

## THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 4th to SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER  
Secretary to the  
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
General Agents for the  
KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1918.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1917. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 11th February to SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1918, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
N. J. STARR,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1918.

## NOTICE.

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## QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

## ANNUAL REPORT 1917.

The following Report of the Headmaster (Mr. T. K. Dealy) on the work of Queen's College in 1917 has been subjected to some condensation in places:—

ATTENDANCE.—The total number of scholars enrolled during the year ended December 31st, 1917, was 935, 127 more than the previous year. The average daily attendance was 540, 84 more than in the 1916. The highest attendance was reached on September 13th, when 661 scholars were present, the lowest on July 19th, when 423 were here. The great majority of our boys are not domiciled in the Colony, the result being that, for holidays, they go into the neighbouring province among their friends and relatives. As a sign how we here are affected by the troublous times through which we are passing, it may be stated that two of our boys were kidnapped during the Ts'ing-Ming holidays, while at Ancestral worship, and only released on payment of very heavy ransom, after close captivity lasting eleven weeks. A third boy from Com. 2 A, and a member of the successful inter-class football team, at the present moment, has been held for ransom, manacled and fettered, in the near interior; the tragedy in this instance being deepened by the fact that the youthful captive who was carried off on his marriage-day, is as yet unaware that his father was shot dead by the robbers while giving the alarm to neighbours.

STAFF.—There are two losses on the staff, to which I would draw special attention, and in the order of their sequence. Mr. Ng In, our Senior A. C. Master, whose school life, as pupil and as teacher, was spent wholly in Queen's College, died very suddenly and unexpectedly. He worked up to the very last, finally leaving the premises in a moribund condition. He was very much liked by all his scholars, past and present, as well as by the entire staff. His special work was translation, from and into Chinese. His life-like full-figure portrait in oils by a native artist, which hangs on the west wall of our Hall, is the gift of old boys, and is an evidence of the personal esteem in which he was held.

Mr. A. W. Grant, our former 2nd Master, after struggling ineffectually against increasing illness, was retired from the public service invalided. He had completed eighteen years' service in Hongkong, and had won universal respect amongst all those connected with the school. The "Grant" Scholarship founded, not very long ago, by Mr. Lee Hy-san, a former student and teacher here, will carry down his name to future generations as one who has done yeoman's service for this College. Mr. Grant was a Cambridge honoursman in Mathematics; he was, in effect, our Mathematical Master. His loss to our teaching staff is deeply felt.

The introduction of Misses on the staff during the year under review is an innovation, partly the result of the war, and partly of the findings of the Committee on Education. The step has been completely justified. It is acknowledged that women have an inborn aptitude for teaching a spoken language. Their enunciation, it appears, is more precise than that of the sterner sex. Their advent on our staff comes at a critical time, and we cheerfully welcome the valuable assistance they bring to the English portion of our curriculum. At present we have five mistresses, three of whom are employed in the Lower School, wholly in English subjects, and two in the Upper School. There seems to be no valid reason why their number on the staff should not be increased, as opportunities occur.

Proportion of Revenue to Expenditure, 34.41 per cent.  
Average cost per pupil in average daily attendance, \$107.68. These figures are more favourable this year on account of the larger attendance. Fees.—These remain unaltered: \$80 per annum, payable \$5 monthly. Free scholars and student interpreters pay no fees, and half-free scholars pay \$30 per annum—\$24 for each of 12 months. Table 5 shows that a sum of \$3,285 was remitted by the Government during the year, on account of free and half-free scholars and student interpreters.

DISCIPLINE.—This has been well maintained, and calls for no particular comment. Under this head, the prefects continue to render very valuable help. The many organised games that we now indulge in, also add to no inconsiderable aid in the same direction: a boy who plays games that are controlled is much more amenable than a boy who does not; he realises that rules are made to be kept, and that he is bound to keep them.



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ORGANISATION.—On the recommendation of the Committee on Education held in the early summer, book-keeping was dropped from our syllabus, and more lessons in English inserted where this subject had been taught; recitation is wholly in the hands of English teachers. Drawing has also been included in the subjects taught in Commercial Classes 1 and 2, and History in Commercial 1. Now that the studies of pupil teachers have been remodelled and extended, so that they attend Classes at the University, coming to Queen's College at stated hours each week for practical teaching, it seems a pity that Class 8 for beginners does not exist. It has been noticed, that quite a number of highly desirably young boys, candidates for this class, have to be refused admission, especially after our two longer holidays.

HEALTH OF THE SCHOOL.—The health of the school generally has been quite normal, with nothing particular to report, beyond minor ailments.

STUDENTS.—As is now customary, Classes 1 and 2 were examined last July by the University; when Preliminary Locals are established, the whole of our Upper School will be submitted to these University tests. For Matriculation 17 students entered, and eight passed, which is about the average of last year's results. Among our eight successes were four scholarships:—

A.—Two Canton Government Scholarships in Arts.—Wong Kwok-in and Shin Lok-shang;  
B.—One Canton Government Scholarship in Medicine.—Lam Wan-po, and  
C.—One Chinese Chamber of Commerce Scholarship in Engineering.—Shin Kwei-shang.

The cause of our failures still lies in the weakness in the group of English subjects. That our vernacular work is excellent is evident; of 83 boys examined by the University in July last, 79 passed, no section having a lower per cent. than 88; Matriculation, F. 2 B. and C. 2 A. had each 100 per cent.; F. 2 A. 94 per cent.; F. 2 C. 92 per cent.; and C. 2 B. 88 per cent. In this subject, in December last, three of our non-successful July candidates again presented themselves for the Matriculation Examination, and this time their efforts were rewarded. Queen's College has thus 11 Matriculation Certificates to its credit for 1917. Commercial 1 was an experiment. There was difficulty at the outset, in forming the class. The results prove this. The syllabus was not satisfactory. 18 entered for the examination, for which 10 sat; only 1 candidate passed, and he obtained distinction in stenography. The syllabus of this class has been carefully reconsidered and recast; we are certain of quite different results in July, 1918. In Class 2 there were

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The Drawing will be in public, and the date and hour at which it will take place will be notified in due course by advertisement.

The sale of tickets will close in Hongkong on Saturday, the 13th April, 1918. Any disputes arising will be decided by the Committee of St. George's Society of Hongkong whose decision shall be final.

The names of the members of the Committee are:—

Hon. Mr. F. H. HOYAK (President).  
N. J. STARR Esq. (Vice-President).  
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Hon. Mr. H. K. FULFORD, K.C.  
J. H. RANNEY Esq. (Hon. Treasurer).  
JOHN BENTLEY Esq. (Hon. Secretary).  
Tickets and Books of Tickets can be had on application at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after 1st April, and will be exhausted shortly.  
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No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	277	45	10	10	10
Patent Slip, No. 1, Kowloon	277	45	10	10	10
Patent Slip, No. 2, Kowloon	277	45	10	10	10
TALCOCK STREET	147	35	10	10	10
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## Today's Advertisements

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### NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that  
People intending to proceed to any  
part of the Territory of the Republic  
of Guatemala must be provided with a  
passport duly delivered by their own  
Authorities and valid by the undersigned.

JOSE C. DE OBALDIA,  
Acting Consul.

Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1918. 112

### BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5  
of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS  
will be CLOSED for the transaction of  
Business on MONDAY and  
TUESDAY, the 11th and 12th instant.  
Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1918. 111

### HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

#### NOTICE.

ON AND AFTER 16th February, 1918,  
the hours for the transaction of  
business by the Hongkong Savings Bank  
will be 10 a.m. to 12 noon every week-  
day except Saturdays.  
The Savings Bank will not be open for  
business on SATURDAYS and on after  
16th February, 1918.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
N. J. STARR,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1918. 113

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer  
"AUTOLYCUS"  
are hereby notified that the Cargo will  
be discharged into Hoi's Wharf, Kow-  
loon, where it will lie at Consignee's  
risk. The Cargo will be ready for  
delivery from Godown on and after  
5th February.  
Optional Cargo will be landed, unless  
notice has been given prior to steamer's  
arrival.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged  
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,  
where they will be examined on any  
Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours  
of 10 a.m. and noon within the free  
storage period.  
No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the steamer's Godown,  
and all Goods remaining undelivered after  
the 11th February, will be subject to rent.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Undersigned on or before  
the 25th February, or they will not be  
recognized.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1918. 114

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY, CALCUTTA,  
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "RANEE" having  
arrived from the above ports, Con-  
signees of cargo by her are hereby informed  
that goods are being landed at their risk  
into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon  
Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence,  
and/or from the wharves, delivery may be  
obtained.  
Goods not cleared by the 14th February,  
at 5 p.m., will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed and damaged packag-  
age are to be left in the Godowns where  
they will be examined. Claims against  
the steamer must be presented within 1  
days of arrival otherwise they will not be  
recognized.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us  
in any case whatever.  
Bills of Lading for cargo from Bombay  
will be countersigned by the P. & O.  
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Calcutta, Penang and Singapore by  
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.  
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Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1918. 115

### VISITING CARDS

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be found largely in the country's  
very unsatisfactory fiscal arrange-  
ments, and in the general insecurity,  
which is fatal to the development of  
trade.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Shanghai Fire Brigade had no  
less than fifty calls last month. This,  
the *Mercury* believes, is a record.

The water return issued today  
shows that 1,012.20 millions of gallons  
were in storage on the island on the 1st  
inst. as compared with 339.55 millions  
of gallons last year.

At the half-yearly general meeting  
of the shareholders of the Osaka Shosen  
Kaisha, held at Osaka on 24th ult., the  
recommendation of the Directors that a  
dividend at the rate of fifty per cent.  
per annum be paid was adopted.

Two surveying parties, headed by  
Mr. J. A. Collins and Mr. G. B. Watson,  
left Peking for Hupoh province to  
continue the survey of the line from  
Haining Yang to Chengtu, granted by  
the Chinese Government to the Siam-  
Cay Railway and Canal Co.

The Chinese newspapers of the  
Colony and of Canton have entered  
upon their annual vacation. No Chinese  
newspapers will be published for ten  
days. We suppose the armies in the  
field in China are expected to observe  
Chinese New Year in the same way. A  
happy land is China!

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain S. S. Sellick, formerly of  
Shanghai, has been gazetted Major.  
He is still serving with the tanks.

Mr. H. B. Ollendessen, well-known in  
Shanghai sporting circles, left last  
week for America. He intends volun-  
teering for the U.S. Army.

Mr. William H. Avery has, after  
20 years' service as assistant general  
manager of the Toyoko Kien Kaisha, been  
promoted to the post of adviser of the  
T. K. K. and the Assano interests.

The distinguished Russian musician,  
M. Mirovitch (piano) and M. Prastro  
(violin) give their second concert at the  
Theatre Royal this evening. Their  
programmes for to-night is printed in  
our advertisement-column.

The Rt. Rev. H. McC. E. Price, is  
resigning the Bishopric of Fukuin, being  
convinced that "it was quite reasonably  
possible for the Archbishop to appoint  
a successor better equipped for the  
work than I can hope to become."

Mr. L. G. M. Kidd, of Messrs. Jardine  
Matheson and Co., Ltd., who left  
Shanghai for the war in October 1914,  
and was subsequently granted a com-  
mission in the 9th Battalion East Kent  
Regiment, has been promoted Captain  
and awarded the Military Cross.

We are asked to state that an  
entertainment will take place on Satur-  
day, the 23rd instant, at 9.15 p.m., at  
the Theatre Royal, when Mr. A. P.  
Stokes will present three short plays  
"Five Birds in a Cage," "Acid Drops"  
and "The Kiss." They are all good  
and had long runs in London. The  
entertainment is for the Mercantile  
Marine in England and the Naval  
prisoners-of-war. Advance booking  
opens at Messrs. Moutrie and Co., Ltd.,  
on Wednesday next, at 10 a.m., and  
vouchers can be obtained from them  
now, to be exchanged on that date for  
tickets numbered and reserved.

### MARINE COURT.

#### OVERLOADING A LAUNCH.

In the Marine Court this morning,  
before Commander Beckwith, R.N.,  
Marine Magistrate, the coxswain of the  
launch *Let On* was charged with carrying  
thirteen passengers in excess of the  
number allowed by his licence.  
His Worship inflicted a fine of \$15.

#### DON'T RISK PNEUMONIA.

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## DEATH OF THE REV. N. C. POPE.

We deeply regret to record the  
death in the early hours of this morn-  
ing of the Rev. N. C. Pope, M.A.,  
Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kow-  
loon, after a very short illness. We  
understand that Mr. Pope was first  
taken ill on Monday, and an opera-  
tion was deemed to be imperatively  
necessary on Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Pope arrived in the  
Colony in August, 1912, to become  
the incumbent of St. Andrew's.  
He had previously held a curacy at  
St. Leonard's where he earned the  
highest respect and esteem of the  
parishioners, and the qualities which  
endeared him to the people of St.  
Leonard's quickly made him equally  
beloved among those whom he  
laboured at Kowloon. His death at  
the early age of 35, will be deeply  
regretted by a wide circle of  
friends and the whole body of his  
parishioners, and sincere sympathy  
will be felt with his widow and three  
children.

The funeral takes place at Happy  
Valley this evening. A service will  
be held at St. Andrew's Church at  
4.15 and the cortege will pass the  
Monument at 5.15 p.m.

## THE VICTORIA REGATTA.

### THE ENTRIES.

The entries for the various events  
of the Victoria Regatta which takes  
place on Saturday, the 16th inst.,  
include the following:—

INTER-CLUB PAIRS.—Crews from  
Canton; the Royal Yacht Club and  
the Victoria Recreation Club.

THE POLICE RACE.—Several crews  
are in training and the Hon. Mr.  
C. McL. Messer has organised crews  
for the race.

THE NATHAN CHALLENGE CUP.—  
Five crews, namely, the Royal Gar-  
rison Artillery, the Middlesex Regi-  
ment, the Navy and two H.K.D.C.  
crews.

NAVAL GIGS AND WHALERS.—Seven  
crews.

THE DINGHY RACE.—Six crews.  
THE CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE CUP.—  
Four crews.

CHINESE SAMRANS.—Six entries.  
We are requested to state that  
subscription badges can now be had  
from the Hon. Sec., V.R.C., at \$2  
each, which include admission to the  
stand on Regatta Day.

The rowing course will be opposite  
the Victoria Recreation Club and a  
stand will be erected on a portion  
of the Naval Yard water frontage,  
kindly lent for that purpose.

## THE MACAO CARNIVAL.

The Battle of Flowers organised by  
Lady Vieira de Mattos in benefit of the  
Red Cross Fund will take place at 3  
p.m. on Sunday, the 10th instant, at the  
Avenida Vasco da Gama, which is being  
beautifully decorated for the occasion.

All subscribers to the Red Cross Fund  
are entitled to tickets of admission to  
the enclosure reserved for the decorated  
cars and to take part in the Battle of  
Flowers. Tickets of admission to the  
grounds will be sold at the gate to non-  
subscribers.

There is great enthusiasm at Macao  
over the Battle of Flowers, and it is  
said that the decoration of some of the  
motor-cars will be real works of art.

Prizes will be given to the three best  
decorated cars, and all subscribers to the  
Red Cross Fund are invited to be pre-  
sent at the award and distribution,  
which will take place at Government  
House at 7 p.m.

The much-coveted first prize will be  
consist of a painting by Lady Vieira de  
Mattos herself.

Following the above, a Concert will  
be held, the same being especially dedi-  
cated by Lady Vieira de Mattos to all  
subscribers to the Red Cross Fund.

The programme is as follows:—  
1. Light Cavalry.....Supp.  
2. Serenade.....Widor.  
3. Butterfly.....Puccini.  
4. Phantom Melody.....A. Ketelby.  
5. Scenes Pittoresques.....Massenet.  
6. Minuet.....Beethoven.  
7. Rhapsody.....Saint Saens.  
8. Reveries.....Schumann.  
9. Airs.....Verdi.

As the Chinese New Year holidays  
coincide with the Carnival at Macao, it  
is hoped that a great many Hongkong  
and Canton residents will go over and  
take part in the celebrations.

## TICKLING IN THE THROAT.

EVEN the slightest tickling or  
hoarseness in the throat may be  
the forerunner of a dangerous illness.  
Stop it at once with Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists  
and Druggists.

## THE PLAGUE IN NORTH CHINA.

SITUATION REGARDED AS  
SERIOUS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PEKING, Feb. 4.

The plague has appeared at Sinko,  
on the Peking-Hankow Railway.

The situation is regarded as seri-  
ous, but it is hoped the preventive  
measures already adopted will make  
a suspension of traffic unnecessary.

### DETAILED REPORTS.

Sir Edward Fraser, K.C.M.G., R.M.  
Colonel-General at Shanghai, communi-  
cated to the Press last week the  
following copy of a telegram received  
from H. M. Legation:—

Peking, 1st February, 1918.  
Smiley reports from Tating two cases  
proved 25th January. Probably more in  
the city. Officials have taken us every  
facility. Chinese report 10 deaths, 10  
from Kiangsu. Russian Consul-General  
reports plague has broken out at  
Kankai. N. Manchuria, 4 deaths  
and 3 deaths daily in surrounding  
village. Letter 20th January Chang-  
chun reports 30 deaths, 9 days into  
mountains westward. Confirmed by  
foreign doctor 31st January who says 5  
deaths Pingshan. Report 30th  
January case two stations North  
Changchun not confirmed yet. Young  
reports Poyanfu up to 31st January  
total of 333 deaths in Jurisdiction of  
Yen Tschun. No fresh cases in Taisien-  
for one week.

The following telegram from Saratol,  
dated 30th January, was received in  
Shanghai by the Belgian Catholic  
Mission:—

"All our missionaries safe. In nearly  
all villages one or more cases. All  
infected die. We isolated our (Catholic)  
villages. Plague abates in Pootowhen  
and Saratol. Not serious in our district  
of Santscho. Some cases in the pre-  
fecture of Ninghsien. Authorities do  
nothing. Everybody has to take care  
for himself. The Toulis (robbers) are in  
our district of Santschoapoon."

## HEALTH MEASURES AT SHANGHAI.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

#### THE QUESTION OF PLAGUE PREVENTION.

The appointment of a Health Com-  
mittee to act in an advisory capacity in  
all matters pertaining to the health of  
the Settlement is announced by the  
Municipal Council. The committee  
consists of three ratepayers and two  
members of the Council, viz., Mr. J. W.  
Jackson, Dr. R. J. Marshall, and Messrs.  
S. J. H. H. A. P. White-Copier and  
Ed. White. The appointment of this  
committee relieves the Health Committee  
of this portion of its duties.

Dr. Arthur Stanley, Health Officer,  
has sent the Council the following report  
on his trip to Nanking to confer with  
Tuchun Li Shun on the matter of plague  
prevention in the Yangtze Valley:—  
"I have to report that I went to  
Nanking on January 22nd and had an in-  
terview with the Military Governor,  
General Li Shun, at his summer residence.  
There were also present the Governor's  
Secretary, Mr. Wen Shih-wei, who acted  
as interpreter, and Mr. C. Y. Chu, who  
had been associated with Dr. Watt in  
plague prevention work at Tientsin  
during the Manchurian epidemic and is  
now connected with refuge camps at  
Tientsin."

The present position regarding  
pneumonic plague was discussed, particu-  
larly with regard to localisation and  
as to possible and probable routes of  
infection. It was agreed that the Yang-  
tze Valley was mainly threatened from  
Taiyuanfu through its connection with  
the Peking-Hankow Railway, as indi-  
cated in my last monthly report.

It was arranged that the Governor  
would collect information from official  
sources as to plague cases and particu-  
larly as to preventive measures taken  
at the points of danger; that this  
information would be communicated  
to me in Shanghai, so as to furnish data  
for the formulation of such preventive  
measures as may become necessary; and  
that close touch would be maintained so  
as to place our special technical ex-  
periences freely at the Governor's dis-  
posal for such mutual benefit as would  
result from preventing the spread of  
pneumonic plague to this province. It  
was also agreed that it would be unwise  
to recommend expenditure of money  
on measures until further data indicat-  
ing definitely the channels of action  
presented themselves. There were  
indications that special reports from the  
danger points, such as Taiyuanfu,  
Chengchow, Hankow, Chenchow,  
Kaifeng and Hsuehchow would be  
obtained as soon as possible.

## THE BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

### OPENING GAME ON SATURDAY.

The first game of the Billiard  
Championship will be played at the  
Victoria Recreation Club, on Saturday  
evening next, at 9 p.m., when Mr. C.  
W. Hart, of the Phoenix Club, will meet  
Mr. J. Parkes, of the Engineers' Institute.

Both competitors are considered to be  
first class players by their respective  
Clubs, and an interesting game may be  
anticipated.

On Monday next Mr. S. Grey meets  
Mr. J. G. P. Foulds and on Tuesday,  
Captain G. P. Lammert, H.K.D.C.,  
meets Sergeant A. H. Ives of the R.G.A.

## A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy  
has been curing coughs and colds  
for the last forty years and has gained  
its popularity every day. What better  
recommendation is required? For sale  
by all Chemists and Druggists.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### A YOUNG THIEF.

A young Chinese was charged before  
Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with picking  
pockets, an offence very prevalent dur-  
ing the Chinese New Year season.

Complainant, a Chinese gentleman,  
said he was walking along a crowded  
pavement in Queen's Road Central  
when he felt some one tugging at his  
coat pocket. He turned round and  
discovered the defendant in the act of  
extracting money out of his pocket.  
Defendant escaped before complainant  
could seize him, but a lunkong who  
chanced to be near arrested the  
defendant.

The lunkong giving evidence said that  
he saw the defendant walking close by  
the complainant. Witness saw the  
defendant insert his hand into com-  
plainant's pocket, and then, rushed up  
and arrested him.

Defendant, pleading not guilty, said  
he was only gazing at the show  
windows of a shop.

### ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Two Chinese were charged before  
Mr. Wood with committing robbery  
with violence on an amah on the 14  
January last.

Inspector Sim said, the defendants  
and another man still at large, forced  
their way into the servants' quarters of  
the Wesleyan Methodist chapel in  
Queen's Road East on the 14 January.

Complainant who was alone in the  
house asked them what they wanted.  
They said they were looking for her  
husband and he not being at home,  
they asked her to give them pen and  
paper to write a note to him. As she  
rose to comply with the request,  
defendants pounced on her, gagged and  
trussed her. They ransacked the  
house and stole money and clothing to  
the value of \$21.

After the evidence was heard Mr.  
Wood committed the defendants for  
trial at the next Criminal Session.

## YOUNG JEWELS CONVICTED OF LARCENY.

### NOBILISSIMO ZUKARS V ILIJAS CHROVCHOSKI

Much interest was shown this morn-  
ing when a young Jewess named  
Sophie Gubbay was charged before Mr.  
Dyer Ball, with the theft of a gold  
wrist watch valued at \$65 from Mrs.  
Lau Chang Ping of 29 Caine Road.

Mr. Lau Chang Ping said defendant  
went to his house yesterday and  
asked his wife to buy some tickets for a  
raffle in aid of charity. Mrs. Lau Chang  
Ping was in bed at the time suffering  
from a severe headache and defendant  
sat beside her on the bed. His wife  
purchased some tickets and after the  
money had been paid, defendant left  
the house. When witness returned  
from his work last evening his wife  
asked him to bring her the watch  
which she left on the dressing table  
as she wanted to know the time.  
Witness could not find it  
and told her that the watch was missing.  
He asked her who had been visiting  
her that afternoon and being told that  
defendant was the only visitor, witness  
informed the police who searching the  
defendant's house found the watch  
there. Mrs. Lau Chang Ping, witness  
added, did not desire to press the case  
and would be satisfied if the watch were  
returned.

Defendant who is a girl of 16, denied  
the theft. She admitted having been to  
the complainant's house yesterday but  
said that after the tickets were sold she  
returned home.

Asked how she obtained possession of  
the watch, she said she bought it from a  
Chinese about two weeks ago. The man  
offered to sell her the watch for \$10  
but was eventually persuaded to part  
with it for \$5.

Asked if she could give a description  
of the man or the exact date of her pur-  
chase, defendant said she could not  
remember.

Mr. Dyer Ball said he would have to  
record the exact evidence of the case;  
but the defendant pleaded guilty; he  
might have discharged her with a severe  
caution.

Inspector Browne asked for a short  
remand saying that the girl could  
perhaps be brought to her sense and  
admit her guilt.

The case was then put over till 11  
o'clock.

When the case was resumed after the  
short adjournment, defendant con-  
fessed her guilt. She admitted she  
stole the watch.

Mr. Dyer Ball, in discharging defend-  
ant, severely cautioned her. He said it  
was a very serious thing for a young  
lady to avail herself of the opportunity  
of stealing things under the cover of  
selling raffle tickets in aid of charity.  
He advised defendant to commit no  
more such offences.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

### THE PO ON MURDER CASE.

The hearing of the case in which  
Fong Tin is charged with the murder of  
Lam Yik Chan, former cashier in the  
Po On Insurance Company, was resumed  
this morning before Mr. Justice  
Gompertz.

### Similar evidence to that taken in the case of Ho Hong was heard, after which the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

## HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

### The Directors of this Company states:—

The Directors beg to submit to the  
Shareholders the Report and State-  
ment of Accounts for the Year ending  
31st December, 1917.

After paying running expenses,  
salaries, premia of insurance, loss in  
exchange of subsidiary silver \$1,233.51,  
repairs and all other charges, there  
remains, including \$20,158.60 brought  
forward from last account, the sum  
of \$106,462.87 at credit of Profit and  
Loss Account.

The Directors recommend that the  
sum of \$40,000 be transferred from  
Equalization of Dividend Fund to Profit  
and Loss Account, that a Dividend for  
the year of Fifty cents per share,  
or \$40,000.00, be paid to Shareholders,  
\$50,000.00 be applied to writing down  
book values of steamers and wharves,  
leaving a balance of \$16,462.87 to be  
carried forward to next account.

In accordance with the Articles of  
Association the Honourable Mr. P. H.  
HOLYOAK and Mr. R. SHEWAN retire  
from the Board by rotation, but being  
eligible, offer themselves for re-election.  
The accounts have been audited by  
Mr. C. BERNARD BROWN, F.C.A., and  
Mr. A. R. LOWE, F.C.A., who being  
eligible offer themselves for re-election  
as auditors for 1918.

R. SHEWAN,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, 30th January 1918.

## YACHTING.

### ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The fourth of the series of Club cham-  
pionship races for the Handicap Class,  
the Design Class, and Hayward Hays  
and Gael Class was sailed off on Saturday  
afternoon with the following results:—

### HANDICAP CLASS.

Course:—Lyman Beacon (S), Kow-  
loon Rock (S), Lyman Beacon (S).  
Distance: 9.2 miles.  
Race on Finishing Corrected  
Yacht. Course. Time. Time.

Dione..... 4 15 43  
Rolls..... 4 23 43  
Jessica..... 1 32 43  
Diana..... 5 23 43  
Colleen..... 6 54 43  
Aileen..... 9 13 43

Position. Points for race. Points to date.  
(1) Dione..... 15  
(2) Aileen..... 15  
(3) Rolls..... 15  
(4) Diana..... 3  
— Jessica..... 20  
— Colleen.....

### OWN DESIGN CLASS.

Course:—Lyman Beacon (P), Gut  
Rocks Buoy (P), Channel Rocks (P).  
Distance: 9 miles.  
Yacht. Course. Time. Time.

Daphne..... 4 15 43  
Ailsa..... 4 23 43  
Bonnie..... 4 23 43  
Halcyon..... 4 23 43

Position. Points for race. Points to date.  
(1) Ailsa..... 15  
(2) Halcyon..... 15  
(3) Bonnie..... 15  
— Daphne..... 20

### BETWEEN HAY AND GALE CLASS.

Course:—Lyman Beacon (P), Gut  
Rocks Buoy (P),



## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE SUPREME WAR COUNCIL.

## DETAILS NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

LONDON, Feb. 5.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the last meeting of the Supreme War Council at Versailles, after careful consideration, decided that in view of the important military considerations involved, it was impossible at present, without giving valuable information to the enemy, to publish further details or explanations regarding the enlargement of the functions of the Supreme War Council. He understood the discussions at the Conference dealt almost exclusively with the plan of campaign for 1918 and therefore it was impossible for him to give any information.

## GERMANY'S TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

## FURTHER REPRISALS CONTEMPLATED.

LONDON, Feb. 5.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. MacPherson, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, stated that information received showed that undoubtedly the German authorities placed officer-war prisoners in localities especially subject to air raids. A similar action was contemplated in England. (Loud Cheers.)

## 14,120 NON-COMBATANTS KILLED.

LONDON, Feb. 5.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that since the war 14,120 non-combatant men, women and children had been killed by German submarines and aircraft.

## THE BREST-LITOVSK CONFERENCE.

## BOLSHEVITS' HAUGHTY ATTITUDE.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.  
A telegram from Berlin, apparently semi-official, speaks of the haughty attitude of the Bolsheviks at Brest-Litovsk as being unjustified by the situation on the Eastern Front and states that the Ukrainians defeated the Bolsheviks on the Kovel railway and at other places. Moreover the troops of the Ukrainian Republic practically entirely support the Reds. The Bolsheviks gained the upper hand at Polotsk, Kharkoff, Ekaterinoslav and Odessa, while the Odessa and Black Sea fleet is on their side. On the other hand General Kaledin has thrown his army of 150,000 on the side of the Reds.

## THE BOLSHEVIK GENERALISIMO ARRESTED.

## UKRAINIANS SUPPRESS BOLSHEVISM AT KIEF.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.  
A telegram from Berlin states that the Poles have occupied the Mobilized Russian General Headquarters and arrested General Krylenko and the entire staff.  
The Ukrainians have suppressed the Bolshevik rising at Kief. M. Holobowitch, the chairman of the Ukrainian Peace Delegation, has been appointed the Ukrainian Premier.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

## AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Feb. 5.  
An Italian official message states: "We shot down five enemy aeroplanes and the English shot down eight."

## PADUA BOMBED.

## ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES DAMAGED.

PADUA, Feb. 5.  
Ten enemy aeroplanes dropped sixty bombs on various localities. The Albergo d'Italia was demolished and the hospital, the Cathedral Church of San Francesco, the ancient hospice of the Confraternita della Carita were damaged, the last named seriously.  
The King visited the stricken area and received an ovation.

## STRIKERS IN AMSTERDAM.

## POLICE CHARGE CROWDS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.  
Mounted and foot police frequently charged, with drawn swords, crowds of strikers in the streets of Amsterdam while at the Hague a procession of strikers passing the Palace shouted "We want bread!"

## SWISS SOCIALISTS' PROTEST.

## BERNE, Feb. 5.

A meeting of Socialists and Trade Unionists has protested against the fresh levy of troops for reinforcing the frontiers, but has asked the workers to keep calm and refrain from violent acts.

## N.Y.K. MEDITERRANEAN SERVICE TO RE-OPEN.

TOKYO, Feb. 5

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha line has decided to re-open its service via the Mediterranean.

## BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

## ITS IMMENSE POTENTIAL ENERGIES.

NAIROBI, Feb. 3.

A mass meeting has enthusiastically and unanimously requested the Imperial Parliament to appoint ex-Governor Girouard Military Governor of British East Africa, for the period of war with powers to organize the Colony's efforts in the direction of utilizing such portion of its population as is unavailable militarily to develop its immense potential energies and resources in the immediate production of commodities which are urgently required.

Mr. E. S. Grogan, Lord Delamere and others emphasized the urgent necessity of organizing the entire resources of the protectorate in order to provide for the immediate requirements in Mesopotamia and Palestine, thereby saving shipping and subsequently contributing food and other necessities. They said there were millions of acres of the finest land in the world available in East Africa to the Empire's war worn soldiers.

## IMPERIAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

## CONTINUATION OF LAST YEAR'S MEETINGS.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Reuter learns that in accordance with the general wish expressed last year and as the convenience of Dominion statesmen and their Parliaments will permit, a series of Imperial War Cabinets and Imperial War Conferences will be held in London this year, in continuation of those held last year, at which the representatives of the Dominions will attend to confer with the British Ministers on problems of the war.

It is understood that the Imperial Parliament is now trying to arrange a date which will, as far as possible, omit the conveniences of all, but nothing definite is yet settled, either regarding the date, or regarding the statesmen who will come to England.

A telegram from Wellington to-day gives the first official intimation that, subject to the approval of the Dominion Parliament, Mr. Massey and Mr. Ward will represent New Zealand.

## FUEL SAYING IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.

With the object of saving fuel the Government has ordered all manufacturers, including munition makers, and excepting those producing food, to close three days next week. It has also ordered the theatres and other places of amusement to close every Monday, from Feb. 18 to March 25 inclusive. Both orders apply to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, east of Fort William.

## ARGENTINE WHEAT.

## EXPORT PROHIBITION ORDER RESCINDED.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 5.

The Government has rescinded the decree prohibiting the export of wheat.

## YANGTZEPOO COTTON MILL.

## AN EXCELLENT YEAR.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., the General Managers of the Yangtze Cotton Mill, Limited, communicated to the Shanghai papers last week the information that, at a meeting of the Consulting Committee of the Company, held on January 30th, it was decided that, after allowing for the 25,000 for Preference Shares dividend for 1917, paid in August, the Shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on 31st December, 1917, of £1,677,480.43, as follows:

To pay dividend on 5,000 Preference Shares at rate of 7% per annum	35,000.00
To pay a dividend of £1.125 per share on 250,000 Ordinary Shares	281,250.00
To create Equalization of Dividend Fund	250,000.00
To write off Plant & Machinery	80,000.00
To write off Brick Buildings	8,000.00
To write off Reinforced Concrete Building	15,000.00
To write off Demolished Buildings	9,750.00
To write off Foreshore Bunding	1,076.17
To write off Motor Car	448.70
To write off Furniture	2,273.83
To donate to War Fund	15,000.00
To pay a Bonus to Mill Staff	12,000.00
To carry forward to new account	1,932.81
Tls	677,480.43

## BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and some other diseases are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say "Beware of colds." For the cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## THE POWERS OF THE SHIPPING CONTROLLER.

## THE CHINA MUTUAL S.N. CO.'S CASE.

The case of The China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited, v. Joseph Macleod, decided on Nov. 16th by Mr. Justice Balguy sitting as the Commercial Judge in the High Court of Justice.

His Lordship held that the order of the Shipping Controller contained in his letter to the plaintiffs of March 5 was ultra vires, as he had no power to requisition the services of the owners as the letter purported to do.

Mr. Justice Balguy read the following judgment: "This is an action against the Shipping Controller in which the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company (Limited) claim a declaration that a certain voyage of the steamship Aesculap, which left Liverpool for Eastern ports April 8 last, was lawfully ordered to be performed by the plaintiffs; the Attorney-General (Sir F. E. Smith, K.C.), the Solicitor-General (Sir Gordon Hewart, K.C.), and Mr. G. W. Bickett for the defendant.

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No Order in Council has transferred any powers to the Shipping Controller, but a Regulation, No. 30 B.B.B., made under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, has conferred very wide powers upon him, among others the power of requisitioning ships. It was contended for the plaintiffs that so far as the Regulation purported to confer that power it was ultra vires. I think that contention is untenable. The Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, empowers His Majesty in Council during the present war to issue Regulations for securing the Public safety and the defence of the realm, and I do so declare that Regulation No. 30 B.B.B. was rightly issued. The Regulation was not issued until June 30 last, but the plaintiffs agreed that this case was to be determined as if that Regulation had been in force on March 5.

The Order of the Shipping Controller of that date formulated a scheme for requisitioning the Aesculap. This scheme had three essential features:

(a) The steamers were requisitioned; (b) The owners were to work them exactly as if they were still running for their own account; (c) They were to run them, in fact, for the Government, accounting to the Government for all profits after deducting working expenses, hire of the steamships, and remuneration for their services.

These two last items were to be settled by agreement, or failing agreement, by arbitration. The scheme purported to be mandatory in all these respects. It is obviously a scheme which can only be worked as a whole. It is indivisible, and as a whole it must be judged. The scheme requisitioned three things—the ships, the owners' services, the profits; and the question to be determined is whether such a scheme, intended to be obligatory throughout, is within the powers conferred upon the Shipping Controller. The answer is to be sought in Regulation No. 30 B.B.B., where alone his powers are to be found. A close examination of that Regulation has convinced me that it contains no power to requisition the services of the owners. In the absence of that power, towards the close of his argument, admitted that such was the case. The scheme, therefore, is ultra vires in its second essential respect, and the Order of March 5 last cannot be supported.

It was urged for the plaintiffs that, taking the scheme as a whole, it is not a requisition of ships, but of owners' trading profits; and that it is, in effect, a taxation of the plaintiffs without Parliamentary authority—a revival of ship money. I have taken of the right to requisition the owners' services this point does not appear to call for separate decision, since there could be no owners' trading profits unless the ships were managed by the owners. I do not, however, think that the scheme is a taxation of the owners' trading profits, but a requisition of ships, but of owners' trading profits; and that it is, in effect, a taxation of the plaintiffs without Parliamentary authority—a revival of ship money. I have taken of the right to requisition the owners' services this point does not appear to call for separate decision, since there could be no owners' trading profits unless the ships were managed by the owners. 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HONGKONG DEFENCE  
CORPS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Captain  
J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

## PARADES.

FRIDAY, 8th instant.—  
7.30 a.m. Night Half Company. Full  
parade at Belcher's Battery.  
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full  
parade at Belcher's Battery.

Orders for Engineer Company by  
Captain H. Russell.

1st to 8th February.  
2nd to 8th February. Nightly at Belcher's and  
Lyceum. Parades as per posters posted  
at Headquarters.

Engine drivers at 6 p.m.  
Electricians at 6.15 p.m.  
Officers next for duty.—Belcher's, 2nd  
Lieut. Marley, Lyceum, 2nd Lieut.  
Hall, Stonecutters, 2nd Lieut. Brown.  
SUNDAY.

Detail of duties at Lyceum from 1st  
to 10th February, is posted at Head-  
quarters.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by  
Major H. A. Morgan.

## PARADES.

FRIDAY, 8th instant.—  
6.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons, on  
Colonel's Ground. Platoon Drill. Dress:  
Drill order.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.  
Dress for all parades clean fatigue and  
putties.

FRIDAY, 8th instant.—  
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course,  
East 2, Franchise 13, 14 and 15 at King's  
Park Range. Dress: Drill order with  
putties.

SIGNALING SECTION.  
FRIDAY, 8th instant.—  
5.15 p.m.—Musketry Instruction.—All  
signallers who have not passed the  
Musketry tests (T.E.T.) parade under  
C. S. M. Blair, Valley Valley (Drill  
order).

FRIDAY, 8th instant.—  
6.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, on  
Murray Parade Ground. Musketry in-  
struction. Dress: Drill order with  
putties. Sergeant, Oxberry and Corpi-  
crimes will attend.

G. E. STEWART,  
Captain.

Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.

## THE CALENDAR.

## MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

9.15 p.m.—Concert at Theatre Royal  
by A. Mirovitch and M. Fiastro.

## GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9.—  
11 a.m.—Kowloon Land & Building  
Co. annual meeting.

1.30 a.m.—Humphreys Estate &  
Finance Co. annual meeting.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—  
Chinese New Year.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and  
Blackwood Furniture etc. at Messrs.  
Hughes & Hough's.

THURSDAY, Feb. 14.—  
Noon.—Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf  
& Godown Co.'s meeting.

SATURDAY, Feb. 16.—  
12 noon.—Hongkong & Shanghai Bank  
meeting at City Hall.

MONDAY, Feb. 19.—  
Hongkong Jockey Club Races.

TUESDAY, Feb. 20.—  
Second day of Races.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21.—  
Third day of Races.

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